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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this comment on WT 11-65: *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations.*

As Vice Chairman of the NH Labor Committee, I have had the opportunity to see the benefit wireless communications is having on economic development in our state. The proposal before the Commission represents the chance to improve high speed wireless broadband for the benefit of businesses and citizens while driving economic activity throughout.

AT&T is prepared to invest more than eight billion in infrastructure spending over seven years which will improve wireless technology, connectivity and innovation. A good deal of that investment will deliver high speed wireless broadband to rural communities that have been left out of the digital revolution. AT&T plans to extend its 4G LTE network to cover almost the whole nation's population—bringing small business owners and residents of small towns in line with the services people in metropolitan areas enjoy.

Thanks to the advancements in wireless technology, businesspeople armed with smart phones can quickly download documents, stream video and conduct reliable conference calls. Families take advantage of the technology to share information, engage in online learning and manage their health. As a combined venture, AT&T will have the cell tower density and necessary spectrum to extend—and even improve—these services to benefit millions of Americans.

It is also worth noting that AT&T is the nation's only unionized wireless carrier, with over 42,000 workers. If the merger is approved, T-Mobile's 20,000 member workforce would have the opportunity to join a union if they choose, giving them a voice in the workplace and securing for themselves better pay and working conditions.

Once the regulatory review process is completed, your Commission will face the difficult challenge of determining if this transaction is in the best interest of consumers, the wireless industry and the nation. I hope you come to the same conclusion that I have and give the merger your enthusiastic approval.

Sincerely,



Will Infantine

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Commissioner Michael Copps
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